vertisements through DAVP during the last three years was as under:—

	Amounts. Rs. P.
1986-87	2,66,62,787.63
1987-88	3,50,84,962.00
1988-89 (Till February, '89).	5,62,11,572.95

(c) Efforts are made to make optimum use of small and medium newspapers.

Decrease in Foodgrains Allocation for Distribution through Public Distribution System

506. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been decrease in foodgrains allocation, for distribution through Public Distribution System despite the bumper crops;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to restore the original supplies?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (c) The allocation of foodgrains to various States/UTs under PDS was reviewed in February, 1989 keeping in view the overall availability of stocks in the Central Pool, relative needs of various States, improved market availability on arrival of new rice and kharif coarse-grain crop and the fact that the supply to Public Distribution System is only supplemental in nature. As a result of the review the rice quota of most of the States was reduced uniformly by 20 per cent and that of wheat increased by 5 per cent in view of its lean season. The increase in wheat allocations have been withdrawn in April, 1989 in view of improved market availability with the arrival of fresh wheat crop.

The allocation of wheat and rice from the Central Pool under PDS are only supplemental to the open market availability and are made on a month to month basis, taking into account the overall availability of stocks in the Central Pool, relative needs of the various States, market availability and other related factors.

Offices of Publication Division in the States and their Sales Turnover

507. SHRI MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of the Publications Division of the Ministry state-wise as on date;

(b) The corresponding number of these branches during the last three years; and

(c) the total sale of publications of the Ministry at these branches during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Details are given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(b) There has been no change in the number of branches of the Division except the unit publishing "Indian & Foreign Review" which has been transferred to Ministry of External Affairs w.e.f. 1.7.88.

(c) The total sale of publications of the Ministry through its sales emporia, etc., during he last three years stood as under:

1986-87 — Rs. 215.44 Lakhs

1987-88 — Rs. 216.55 Lakhs

1988-89 — Rs. 261.18 Lakhs

Statement

Besides its Head quarters the Publications Division has the following Branches in the country.

I. SALES EMPORIA

1. Bombay
2. Madras
3. Patna
4. Calcutta
5. Lucknow
6. Trivandrum
7. Hyderabad
8. New Delhi

II. EMPLOYMENT NEWS/ROZGAR SAMACHAR

9. New Delhi

III. KURUKSHETRA

10. New Delhi

IV. YOJANA

11. New Delhi
12. Guwahati
13. Calcutta
14. Ahmedabad
15. Trivandrum
16. Bombay
17. Madras
18. Hyderabad
19. Bangalore

V. COLLECTED WORKS OF MAHATMA GANDHI

20. New Delhi
21. Ahmedabad

VI. FEEDER STORE S

22. Faridabad

VII. JOURNALS UNIT

23. Delhi

Increase in the time of URDU Telecast Broadcast and Group Discussions

508. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Urdu Broadcasts, telecasts and group discussions from All India Radio Stations and T. V. Centres during the last three years;

(b) total time spent on these broadcasts, telecasts and group discussions; and

(c) whether Government propose to increae the time of Urdu broadcasts, telecasts and group discussions, at All India Radio stations and T. V. Centres?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) The Urdu programmes broadcast/telecast from various AIR Stations/ Doordarshan Kendras are of a composite nature which include talks, interviews, features and group discussions. The total time spent on these broadcasts and group discussions is not kept centrally in a compiled form. Presently there is no felt need to increase the existing time of Urdu broadcast from AIR Stations. However, w.e.f. 16.4.89 broadcast of Urdu News from AIR, Patna has been introduced. Due to the paucity to telecast time it is not possible to increase duration of Urdu programmes from Doordarshan Kendras.

Central Employment Exchanges

509. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employment exchanges in the country, State-wise as on March 31, 1989;

(b) the number of unemployed persons registered at these exchanges till March 31, 1989; and

(c) the number of unemployed persons who got employment till March 31, 1989?